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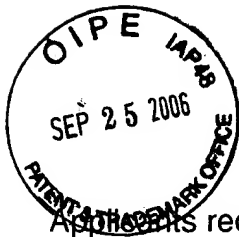
In re Application of:)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION)	Confirmation No.: 5933
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, and in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Reply mailed September 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks. In the Notice of Non-compliant Reply, the Examiner stated that the Applicants' August 10, 2006 Amendment was not fully responsive to the April 6, 2006 Office Action because it did not indicate why new claim 51 distinguishes over the references cited by the Examiner in the April 6th Office Action. In this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants explain why claim 51 distinguishes over the references cited by the Examiner and believe that the Supplemental Amendment is fully responsive to the April 6th Office Action. This Supplemental Amendment also includes the same claim amendments and remarks presented in the August 10th Amendment. Accordingly,



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Applicant's request that the Examiner consider the Supplemental Amendment in lieu of the August 10th Amendment.

Please note that the attorney docket number for the above-captioned application has changed to 09877.0189-00.

Amendments to the Specification are included below and discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.